Remarks

The Office Action is discuss d in detail below. Support for am ndments are found in the specification as filed. No new matter has been added.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to for informalities.

The informalities have been corrected and applicant requests the objection be removed.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informality: Line 7, "a opening" should be changed to --an opening--.

Claim I has been amended to correct the informality. Applicant requests the objection be removed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102

Claims 10-21 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Reinberg et al [U.S. Pat. 5,854,102].

Claims 10-21 have been canceled. Applicant requests that the rejection be removed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-9 allowed.

Allowable subject matter is acknowledged.

SUMMARY

Claims 10-21 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. In view of the above amendments and remarks, claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejection, and notification of allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions regarding the prosecution of this application, he is asked to contact applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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